

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 and 44 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, Claims 36-43 are pending in the application.

The Examiner indicated that claims 36-43 were allowable if the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-26 of US Patent No. 6,673,098 in view of Kolen et al was overcome. Accordingly, Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer concurrently herewith which Applicants believe overcomes the rejection. Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 36-43.

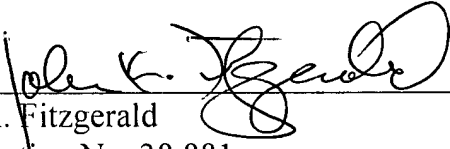
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and favorable reconsideration of the pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the foregoing, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicants attorney, John Fitzgerald, at 310-242-2667.

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